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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE SALE OF CORVETTES TO COLOMBIA

REF: LISBON 5307

1. IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN NAVY MISSION CHIEF COLOMBIA, CAPT FOWLER, AND COMMANDANT COLOMBIAN NAVY, ADMIRAL DIAZ, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED CONCERNING THE PORTUGUESE SALE OF FOUR CORVETTES TO COLOMBIA: COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS CLOSE TO CONSUMMATION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR SUBJECT SHIPS WHEN THE COMMANDANT'S WISHES PREVAILED THAT THE SHIPS BE THOROUGHLY INSPECTED PRIOR TO SALE. FOUR COLOMBIAN OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE IN LISBON 17 JULY TO CONDUCT THE INSPECTION. EACH SHIP WILL BE INSPECTED TWO DAYS IN PORT AND ONE DAY AT SEA.

2. COMMANDANT IS PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF OBTAINING THE CORVETTES BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATIVELY NEW AND READILY AVAILABLE. ACQUISITION OF THESE SHIPS WILL PROVIDE THE COLOMBIAN NAVY WITH A MUCH NEEDED COASTAL PATROL CAPABILITY.

3. COMMANDANT SHOWED SOME CONCERN OVER RECENT ARTICLE IN SPANISH MAGAZINE WHICH INDICATED COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS BUYING SUBJECT SHIPS TO SELL TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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4. COMMANDANT WOULD WELCOME ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO HIS INSPECTION TEAM FROM AMEMBASSY LISBON IF NEEDED.
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